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AGREES ON ICFTU AND ILO DELEGATES: PERONISTS TAKE THE
LION'S SHARE

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3657

1. FOLLOWING ANOTHER SESSION OF THE "COMMITTEE OF 25"
LATE MAY 16, PAPER WORKER UNION LEADER DONAIRES ANNOUNCED
TO THE PRESS THAT THE LEADERS HAD AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING
DESIGNATIONS:

A. WORKER DELEGATION TO THE ILO CONFERENCE:
HEAD OF DELEGATION: ALBERTO SERRANO (TIRE WORKERS)
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ALTERNATES: CARLOS CABRERA (MINING WORKERS)
ENRIQUE MICO (GARMENT WORKERS)

TECHNICAL ADVISORS: FERNANDO DONAIRES (PAPER WORKERS)
ANTONIO BALDASSINI (TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKERS)
JUAN HORVATH (STATE EMPLOYEES)
ROBERTO GARCIA (TAXI DRIVERS)

JOSE CASTILLO (BOAT MECHANICS)
ROBERTO DIGON (TOBACCO WORKERS)
RICARDO PEREZ (TRUCK DRIVERS)

ONE REPRESENTATIVE WILL ALSO BE CHOSEN BY THE METAL-
WORKERS UNION AND ANOTHER BY THE AUTOWORKERS UNION
AS TECHNICAL ADVISORS. THE LEADING CANDIDATES ARE
ABDALA BALLUCH AND RUBEN DI CAPRIO, RESPECTIVELY.

B) ROBERTO GARCIA (TAXI DRIVERS) HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO
REPLACE CARRANZA ON THE ICFTU BOARD.

C) THE ARGENTINES WOULD ATTEMPT TO RETAIN CASILDO HERRERAS'
SEAT ON THE ILO GOVERNING BODY. IF SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR
NEGOTIATIONS AT GENEVA, THE CANDIDATE WOULD BE CHOSEN FROM
AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKER DELEGATION. THE COMMITTEE
OF 25 HAS NOT YET AGREED ON A NOMINEE BUT ANTONIO BALDASSINI
IS THE FRONT RUNNER.

2. THE "COMMITTEE OF 25" ALSO HAS TO AGREE ON THE TEXT OF A
MESSAGE WHICH THE PROPOSED HEAD OF THE DELEGATION, SERRANO,
SHOULD READ AT THE ILO CONFERENCE ON THE STATE OF TRADE UNION
AFFAIRS IN ARGENTINA. REPORTEDLY, THERE ARE DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN THE VERTICALIST/ORTHODOX FACTION ON THE ONE
HAND (WHICH WON THE LION'S SHARE OF THE DESIGNATION)
AND THE INDEPENDENTS AND ALLIES ON THE OTHER--
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WITH THE FORMER WANTING TO TAKE A HARDER LINE
VIS-A-VIS THE GOVERNMENT.

3. GARCIA TELLS US IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO GET TO
THE HAMBURG MEETING IN TIME. HE HOPES TO TRAVEL TO
BRUSSELS NEXT WEEK. GARCIA SAYS HE ANTICIPATES
NO PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF GOA ACCEPTANCE OF THE ILO
DELEGATION SELECTIONS.

4. MEANWHILE ANOTHER TEMPEST IS BREWING AROUND
THE ALLEGATION THAT LABOR MINISTER LIENDO RECENTLY
MET WITH EXILE CASILDO HERRERAS IN GENEVA. LABOR
MINISTRY VEHEMENTLY DENIED THIS TODAY. AFP TICKER
ALSO CARRIES STORY WHICH HAS NOT YET HIT THE
LOCAL PRESS, THAT "CGT-IN-EXILE" (PRESUMABLY
HERRERAS) PLANS TO CONCEDE HERRERAS' SEAT ON
GOVERNING BODY TO VENEZUELAN. REPORTERS
CLOSE TO THE LABOR MINISTRY ALSO CLAIM
LIENDO DID MEET RECENTLY WITH ICFTU'S FRISO.
ANY INFO EUROPEAN ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE ON THESE
REPORTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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